

Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | August 23-27, 2021



Town Calendar

September 2 | 8:30 AM
Tourism Development
Authority Meeting

September 6
Town offices closed in
observance of Labor Day

September 13 | 5:30
Parks & Recreation
Advisory Committee
Meeting

September 14 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners
Meeting

September 16 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board
Meeting



SAVE THE DATE

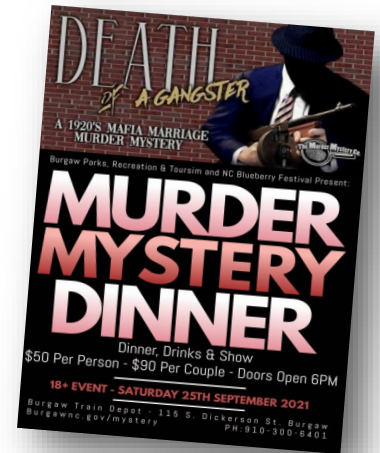
Shred & E-Recycling Day
October 15

Stay In Touch!



Limited tickets remaining for Murder Mystery Dinner

Tickets are going fast for our Murder Mystery Dinner set for Saturday, September 25th. Dress in your best 1920s outfit and join the Town of Burgaw and the North Carolina Blueberry Festival for dinner, drinks, and a show. Tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$90.00 per couple. Doors will open at 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Participants must be 18 years or older. Register now before it's too late by visiting burgawnc.gov/mystery. Contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office for more information at (910) 300-6401 or email recreation@burgawnc.gov.



Applications now being accepted for Planning & Zoning Board and the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

The Town of Burgaw is currently accepting applications to fill one extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) position on the Planning & Zoning Board. Applicant must reside within the town's ETJ. For more information, please contact the Planning Director at 663-3451.

Applications are also being accepted to fill two (2) vacancies on the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority. Applicants must be active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Burgaw. These are volunteer positions with no compensation. For more information, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department at 300-6401.

Applications may be downloaded on the town website at www.burgawnc.gov or picked up at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street. Applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or dropped off at Town Hall by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 3, 2021.



Wilmington Street back open after emergency sewer repair

Wilmington Street traffic is back to normal after being closed for almost a week as we completed an emergency sewer repair. The eight-inch gravity sewer main was located over 10 feet underground and it was determined the damage to our line was caused by contractors boring utility lines under East Wilmington Street.

Debris reminders from Public Works staff

Public Works would like to remind residents that, per the Town of Burgaw's Code of Ordinances, placing trash, debris, garbage, or litter in the street or public road without permission is prohibited. All trash, debris, etc., should be placed in a proper location and/or in proper containers. **This includes yard waste placed in or on streets and sidewalks.** Yard waste placed in or on streets and sidewalks not only poses a safety risk for vehicles and pedestrians, but it also leads to clogged storm drains and ditches when it is washed or blown into these during storm incidents. This can lead to flooding issues around Town. The Town requests that all yard debris be placed properly behind the curb on the right-of-way out of the sidewalk and out of the street. Please remember to not blow your yard clippings into the street! We thank you for your continued cooperation.



with the Town of Burgaw!

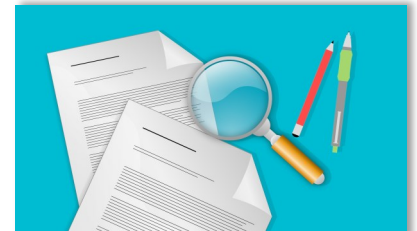
Did you know that recreation and parks are essential to quality of life? Recreation contributes to improving the conditions that support mental well-being by improving self-esteem and self-image, life satisfaction levels, and enhancing perceived quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

Get involved today with the Town of Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department by visiting burgawnc.gov/rec!

A message from our Finance Department

New rates to reflect on utility bill due September 10

The Town of Burgaw has not increased water and sewer utility rates since 2015. The costs of operations, maintenance, and sewer treatment continue to increase from year to year. With contractual costs increasing for the treatment of our sewer and to keep our entire system properly maintained, the Board of Commissioners approved water and sewer rate increases with the adoption of the FY 2021-2022 budget. A new stormwater utility fee was also approved in the budget. See insert within the newsletter for more information about the stormwater utility fee. The new rate schedules can be found on our website at burgawnc.gov/budget. The new water and sewer rates, with the addition of the stormwater utility fee, will be reflected on the utility bill due September 10th, which will include usage between mid-July and mid-August.



It's Audit Season!

Staff members of the Finance Department are busy gathering information requested by our auditors for their annual visit in the upcoming months.



Since January 1, 2021, there have been 88 new residential utility accounts established and 24 new commercial accounts established.

A message from our Police Department

- Two of our senior patrol officers attended training recently which will enhance their skills and abilities in supervision and investigations. Officer Kennedy completed Criminal Investigations through Traffic Law Enforcement at the NC Justice Academy. Officer Farren completed First Line Supervision training, also through the NC Justice Academy.
- Congratulations to Jeffrey Thomas. A conditional offer of employment has been signed to become a Burgaw Police Officer. Mr. Thomas has a few more steps to complete in the application process, however, we look forward to him beginning his law enforcement career with Burgaw in a few weeks.
- Thank you to Corporal Robertson for the past six years of dedicated service to the Town of Burgaw and the Police Department. Corporal Robertson is continuing his law enforcement career; however, he is beginning employment with the NC Highway Patrol. We wish him the best.



SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN!

Help us slow down drivers in our town by displaying a yard sign in your yard!

Available FREE at Town Hall
Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM

Business SPOTLIGHT

WEEKLY FEATURE SPONSORED BY BURGAW TDA



Something Special GIFTS, CRAFTS & DECOR

WHAT: Specializing in personalized gifts and decorations. Items are homemade and can be adapted to fit your décor needs.

WHERE: 107-A S. Wright Street, Burgaw

HOURS: Wednesday-Friday 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

PHONE: 910-750-2516

EMAIL: somethingspecialgcd@aol.com



Find us on Facebook:
**Something Special Gifts, Crafts
and Decor**

**Want your
business
featured?**

Each week, the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA) will select a registered business to be featured as TDA's Business Spotlight of the Week. Keep in mind that depending on the number of applicants, it may take time before your business is featured as Business spotlight of the Week. Provide all required details to register your business. Please only register your business once. Registration is only open to businesses inside the Burgaw corporate limits. Participants can register by visiting burgawnc.gov/spotlight.



ADA Transition Plan Survey

The ADA Transition Plan is a comprehensive plan for improving access for individuals with disabilities to Town facilities, parks, programs, services, activities, and events. It is part of the Town of Burgaw's continued efforts to welcome and serve all members of the community. By updating and implementing the Transition Plan, consistent with the ADA, Town services and facilities will become more comfortable, welcoming, and accessible to everyone.

The Town is seeking input from individuals with disabilities, patrons, caregivers, organizations, and agencies that support individuals with disabilities as well as from interested individuals with experience in accessibility needs and best practices. This community involvement will help the Town with its self-evaluation process and better enable us to address and prioritize current and future accessibility needs.

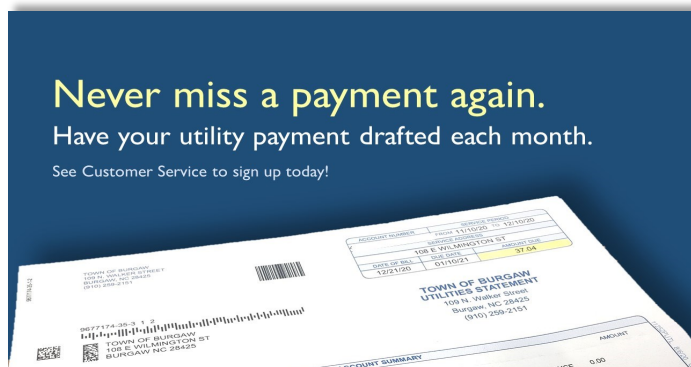
The Town and its consultants have prepared this survey to help evaluate community perspectives on accessibility to Town programs, services, and facilities.

The Town of Burgaw is asking for your input by completing this questionnaire that addresses accessibility of services and activities offered to the public. Examples include: obtaining a permit, paying a fee, participating in a recreational program, or attending a public meeting. All responses are subject to becoming public record.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information on how Town services are, or are not, accessible to people with disabilities. The goal is that each service is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

The survey will be available through September 3, 2021.

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THJFMD8>



What's COOKING IN OUR TOWN



SAUSAGE GRAVY BREAKFAST PIZZA

You Will Need

- 2 packages crescent rolls
- 1 package Jimmy Dean cooked sausage crumbles
- 1 envelope country gravy mix
- 6 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 oz. shredded pepper jack cheese

Directions

- 1) Heat oven to 375 degrees. Separate crescent dough into 16 triangles and place on a greased, round pizza pan with points toward the center. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of pan to form a crust; seal seams. Bake 11-13 minutes or until golden brown.
- 2) Meanwhile, prepare gravy according to package directions in a medium saucepan. Stir sausage crumbles into thickened gravy; set aside.
- 3) In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add egg mixture; cook and stir until almost set.
- 4) Spread sausage gravy mixture over crust. Top with eggs and cheeses. Bake 5-10 minutes longer or until eggs are set and cheese is melted. Cut into wedges.

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our community?

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town*! Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or drop off at Town Hall.



A message from our Fire Department

Over the past several weeks, the Fire Department has been training it's drivers on drafting and rural water supply operations. These evolutions helps the department be faster and more proficient when operating in areas without hydrants.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CAN YOU BE FOUND?

Reflective address signs can save lives!

Get yours today for only \$10



Electric Vehicle Charging Safety Tips

Are you thinking of buying an electric vehicle (EV)? Here are steps you can take to lower your risk of fire and electric shock injury related to charging EVs.

Before buying an EV, have a qualified electrician install:

- A new, dedicated circuit for your EV charging device. Older home wiring may not be suitable for use with EV supply equipment.
- Level II charging devices (if that is your preferred charging method).



Charging EVs:

- Follow manufacturer's guidelines when charging your vehicle. Check with your local dealer if you need additional information.
- Purchase a charging device that is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Plug Level I EV chargers directly into an outlet designed to handle the amperage of the charging device. Never use a multiplug adapter or extension cord.
- Install a residual current device with the charging unit. It will turn off the power if a fault is detected and help prevent a fire.
- Place all charging device components out of reach of children when not in use.
- Maintain the components of your charging station according to the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines. Signs of excessive wear may indicate a potential shock hazard. Never use an EV charger with obvious signs of damage.
- Cover the EV charging station outlet to stop water from entering. Check the manufacturer's guidelines to make sure it is safe to charge your EV in wet conditions.

Charging an EV is safe when done with certified equipment. By following these tips, you can lower your risk of having an associated fire or an electric shock injury.

For more information and free resources, visit: usfa.fema.gov.



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Stormwater Management Utility Fee & Rate Guide

Beginning July 1, 2021, all owners or tenants of property within the Town Limits of Burgaw will be charged a stormwater fee.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is excess rainwater that runs off from land surfaces during and following rainfall. A certain amount of rainfall will naturally soak into the ground, particularly if the land cover is vegetated or has a tree canopy. Before land is developed for beneficial purposes, a significant portion of rainfall soaks (infiltrates) into the ground, thereby resulting in much less surface runoff.

In developed conditions, however, less of the rainfall can soak into the ground and surface runoff generally increases. Increased runoff contributes to higher peak flows in drainage systems and receiving streams, as well as a greater volume of runoff. Higher peak flows and greater volume contribute to urban stormwater management concerns, including flooding safety hazards, property damage, soil and stream erosion, and impacts to surface water quality and stream health.

Why use "impervious area" in determining stormwater charges?

The billing of all properties (residential or commercial) is based on impervious area. Impervious area is a term used to refer to hard surfaces on a property that do not allow rain to soak into the ground. Roofs, garages, carports, storage sheds, commercial buildings and concrete, gravel, or asphalt driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and patios are all considered impervious areas.

The Stormwater Fee structure reflects the amount of runoff that each individual property contributes to the community's overall stormwater runoff. The more impervious surface area on a property, the greater the amount of stormwater that runs off into our culverts and streams, thus the greater the demand on the drainage infrastructure. The fee is set up so that properties that produce more runoff are assessed a greater stormwater fee.

What is an Equivalent Unit Residential (ERU) and how was it developed?

An Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is the unit of measurement that the Town of Burgaw uses for billing the Stormwater Fee. The ERU was developed by reviewing the impervious area of a statistical sampling of representative properties in Burgaw. Each property was measured and a median impervious surface area was determined to be about 2,400 square feet. Therefore, 2,400 sq. ft. equals one (1) ERU. All commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family properties were also measured. These properties will be assessed one (1) ERU for each 2,400 sq ft of impervious surface per month.

Who has to pay the stormwater utility fee?

Beginning July 1, 2021, all owners or tenants of property within the Town Limits of Burgaw will be charged a stormwater fee. Properties outside of the Town's corporate limits are not subject to the fee.

How often are customers billed?

Stormwater Management Utility customers are billed monthly on the same bill as their water and sewer services. Customers who do not receive water and sewer services from the Town will receive a stormwater utility bill on the same monthly billing cycle.

How to determine your Stormwater Management Utility Fees

Single-family Properties

All Single Family Detached Properties
Shall be Billed for One (1) ERU per Month. **\$2.50**

Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and

Based on ERU Calculation of Impervious Surface **\$2.50 / ERU**
2,400 sq ft of Impervious Surface = 1 ERU

EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU) - Two thousand four hundred (2,400) square feet of impervious surface.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AREA shall mean developed areas of land that prevent or significantly impede the infiltration of stormwater into the soil. Typical impervious surface areas include, but are not limited to: roofs, sidewalks, walkways, patios, swimming pools, private driveways, parking lots, access extensions, alleys and other paved, engineered, compacted or gravel surfaces containing materials that prevent or significantly impede the natural infiltration of stormwater into the soil.

For More Information, Visit: <https://BurgawNC.gov/stormwater>

2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority

First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

Police Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM



Town Hall

109 N. Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425
910-259-2151
mail@burgawnc.gov
www.burgawnc.gov

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities

663-3445

Parks & Town Events

300-6401

Human Resources

663-3444

Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

Public Works Department

259-2901

Police Department

Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department

Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor

Kenneth T. Cowan

Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners

Jan Dawson
James Murphy
Bill George
Vernon Harrell

Town Manager

James H. Gantt

Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark

2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

EAST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 14
July 28
August 11
August 25
September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15
December 29

WEST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 7
July 21
August 4
August 18
September 1
September 15
September 29
October 13
October 27
November 10
November 24
December 8
December 22

"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

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Visit BurgawNC.gov to sign up today!

BURGAW, NC

T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just \$10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.



Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority



Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.